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SUBSCRIBED, £1,125,000.

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For 3 Months, 3 1/2 %

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 223

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifty-Fourth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Central, on SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 29th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 10, 1893. 1202

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Mrs. MATHER,  
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Hongkong, July 24, 1893. 1287

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do. do. 4 1/2 %

do. do. 3 %

Current Account 2 %

Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 47

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND, \$3,000,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$10,000,000.

PROPRIETORS.

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MANAGER:

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent, per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months 3 per cent, per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 12 " 5 "

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 17, 1893. 880

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.

CAPITAL CALLED UP, 251,023,15.0.

Board of Directors:

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Agencies:

PENANG, SINGAPORE and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST:

Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits, as to ascertained on application.

CHANTRY INCHDALE,

Manager.

Hongkong, April 10, 1893. 247

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-

ducted by the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-

TION. Rules may be obtained on ap-

plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at

3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum. Depositors

may transfer at their option balances of

\$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on

FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per

annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai

Banking Corporation.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 1515

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Hongkong, July 4, 1893. 1094

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Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. undertake to deliver this acceptable present to Friends in the United Kingdom, Free of any Charge whatever on the Home side, at

Per ... 10-Catty Box ... \$12.00.  
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ORDERS are solicited for this Choice Tea, which will be forwarded by Express, on receipt of instructions.

Hongkong, July 22, 1893.

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The TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy.

The BED-ROOMS, with adjoining BATH-ROOMS, are lofty and well ventilated, open on spacious Verandas, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The READING, WRITING, and SMOKING ROOMS, LADIES' DRAWING ROOMS, the NEW BAR and FAMOUS BILLIARD ROOMS (six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour, adjoins the HOTEL.

WINES and SPIRITS of the BEST BRANDS ONLY.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager.

Hongkong, October 21, 1892.

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A LARGE SELECTION OF WHITE and STRIPE FLANNELS and SERGES.

TROPICAL TWEEDS, HOMESPUNS and COATINGS.

TERAI HATS (all Colors) and SUN HATS.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—

FOR STEAMSHIP. DATE. REMARKS.

SHANGHAI, ... Rangoon ... About 20th July. Freight or Passage.

BOMBAY, ... Nizam ... About 1st August. If sufficient indenture offers.

LONDON, &c., Malise ... Noon, 3rd August. See Special Advertisement.

SHANGHAI, ... Bombay ... About 3rd August. Freight or Passage.

JAPAN, ... Amakusa ... Daylight, 5th August. Freight or Passage.

MARSEILLES, ... Manila ... About 13th August. Freight or Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, July 25, 1893.

# THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 9004.—JULY 26, 1893.

## Mails.

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**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
City of Peking (via Amoy, Nagasaki, Inland Sea, &c.) THURSDAY, July 27.  
Yoko-hama and Honolulu (via Nagasaki) TUESDAY, August 8.  
Chins (via Nagasaki) Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) SATURDAY, Aug. 26.  
Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) SATURDAY, Aug. 26.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via AMOY, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-MORROW, the 27th July, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route. Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

First Class Passengers have full choice of any of the Overland Routes, including GENERAL PACIFIC, SOUTHERN PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, NORTHERN PACIFIC, and DENVER and RIO GRANDE RAILWAYS. They can also travel over the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, on payment of \$10 in addition to the regular tariff rate. Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japanese Ports to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Indian Oceans, to the United States, to Overland Railways to Hawaii, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcels will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 74, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, July 26, 1893. 1222

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1893.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

May..... Tuesday August 8.  
Victoria..... Tuesday August 29.  
Tasmania..... Thursday Sept. 28.  
Mogul..... Thursday Oct. 19.  
Victoria..... Thursday Nov. 9.  
Tasmania..... Tuesday Dec. 12.

THE Steamship MOGUL, Capt. Golding, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 8th August, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, via SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Office of The General Agent Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office with the address marked in full, by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, GARLILL & CO.,  
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Hongkong, July 18, 1893. 1233

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N. O. 2, SYMBOURG TERRACE,  
No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET,  
THIRD FLOOR in No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
ROOMS in COLLEGE CHAMBERS,  
OFFICES in VICTORIA BUILDINGS.

Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.  
Hongkong, June 23, 1893. 985

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AT THE PEAK.

FIVE ROOMED SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE, with enclosed Verandah, on the South-Eastern Slope of Mount Gough.

Apply to  
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Hongkong, June 14, 1893. 1063

## To Let.

N. O. 2, PEDDER'S STREET, next to the Post Office—suitable for OFFICES or CHAMBERS.

Apply to  
G. C. ANDERSON,  
13, Praya Central,  
Hongkong, March 1, 1893. 390

## To Let.

N. O. S. WEST TERRACE.

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13, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, May 31, 1893. 973

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FROM 1ST OCTOBER NEXT TO 31ST MARCH, 1894.

N. O. 2, HILLSIDE, PEAK, for \$45.00 and taxes.

Apply to  
A. HERBERT RENNIE,  
P.W.D.  
Hongkong, July 14, 1893. 1237

## Intimations.

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This Powder, so celebrated in many instances, is made from the LEADERS, BAPTISTS, and all insects (whilst perfectly harmless to all animal life). All wools and skins will be well protected by this powder, which is to be applied before skinning. It is invaluable to take to the Seaside. To avoid disappointment insist upon having "Keating's Powder." No other Powder is equal.

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FLIES,  
MOTHS,  
BEETLES,  
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Unrivalled in destroying FLIES, BUGS, COCKROACHES, BEETLES, MOTHS in JUWS, and every other species of insect. Specimens will be sent to the public on application. It is safe in the dogs, also ladies for their pet dogs.

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A FABULOUS VEGETABLE SWEETMEAT, both in appearance and taste, furnishing a most agreeable INTESTINAL or THREAD WORMS. It is a perfectly safe and mild preparation, and is especially adapted for Children.

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THE MIKE COAL is a bituminous Coal of dark reddish colour. For Steam purposes, it has been pronounced to be the BEST and the MOST ECONOMICAL of ALL the JAPANESE COALS.

Its export is increasing yearly, and the quantities exported by several of the LARGEST REGULAR CONSUMERS are in testimony of the EXCELLENT QUALITIES of THIS COAL.

ATTENTION is called to the following ADVANTAGES to Shippers and Captains, who Coal their Bulkers direct from the Undersigned:

Freshness of the Coal.  
Uniformity of quality.  
Freedom from impurities.  
Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.  
Quick despatch.  
Best of weight, etc, etc.

MITUS BUSSAN KAISHA  
Sales Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1892. 1714

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Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
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DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 743

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STEAMSHIP YARCA.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo from London

or Steamship Commodity and Labour, demands, from Bayre or Steamship Companies, and from Bordeaux or Steamships Ville de Dakar and Pt. Leroy Lebel.

In connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY's, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immed'ly after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation received from the Consignees before 1 p.m. TUESDAY (Wednesday), the 26th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countermanded by the Underwriters.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 2nd August, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 2nd August, or they will not be recognised.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 1st August, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, July 23, 1893. 1238

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

A 7-ROOMED HOUSE at ROBINSON ROAD, "PARIS VILLA," with a large Garden Water and Gas laid on.

ONE GODOWN, NO. 117, PRAYA EAST, at Bowrington.

Apply to

DOBREJEE NOWROOZEE,  
Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, July 3, 1893. 1171

## To-day's Advertisements.

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

### PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

### FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship YARCA.

Capt. de MAURICE, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 27th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, July 26, 1893. 1239

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

### FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship YARCA.

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 26, 1893. 1301

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Hongkong, May 31, 1893. 973

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 4004.—JULY 26, 1893.

The following items are from the *L.A.C. Express* of June 23.

The strength of the French squadrons for next year is that in the Pacific there will be two cruisers and one small vessel in the Extreme East; one armoured cruiser, one first-class cruiser, a dispatch vessel, and two gunboats; and two or three small craft in Cochinchina and the Indian Ocean. For the total personnel embarked the estimates provide 41,536 souls, out of which will be at sea 34,087, 4,165 will be on shore, and 3,314 employed on board ships in reserve. The effective force is thus augmented by 1,406 men.

The *Hoche*, after steaming round Ferrol Harbour with satisfactory results, sailed for Ferrol for England in company with the *Auron*, the *Sedoue*, and the *Bellerophon*. The Queen has conferred an honour upon the Captain-General of the Department in recognition of his services to the country during his stay at Ferrol. She arrived in the English Channel on 21st, and reached Gibraltar on 22nd. She proceeds to Chatham on 26th for repairs. The *Bellerophon*, puffed company in the Channel and proceeded direct to Plymouth where she arrived during the morning. The *Hoche* and her consorts proceeded up Channel for Sheerness, where the injured vessel will be blockaded for repairs. The deck-hands' expenses of the provisional repairs to the *Hoche* are—Materials supplied, 37,346 pesetas; wages, 102,193 pesetas; use of machinery, 6,000 pesetas. It is anticipated that the dock repair will cost 108,340 pesetas, charged in the departmental expenses, and will appear in the ultimate accounts, as the naval engineer in charge has certified that the public service has suffered no interruption in consequence of the occupation of the dry dock by the *Hoche*.

*Wellesley* was fought on June 18, 1816, and last Sunday was therefore its seventy-eighth anniversary. The coincidence should be remarked that the battle which put an end to the career of Napoleon the Great was fought on the Sunday. In commemoration of the victory the Household Cavalry, the Foot Guards, and the many line regiments which took part in the fight decorated their standards, and otherwise honoured the anniversary in the customary manner.

The inspection of the corps of Commissioners by Lord Roberts at Chelsea Hospital was witnessed by a large number of people. After addressing the men, Lord Roberts said he considered the condition of the corps, which now has nearly 2,000 men, up to date, to be entirely satisfactory. He hoped that employers of labour would appreciate the fact that a man who had served in the Army or the Navy would probably be a better subordinate in civilian life than one who had not had the advantage of special training. Sir Edward Waller, to whom Lord Roberts gave credit for the flourishing state of the corps, said they could not extend their operations unless more officers could be appointed.

M. Turpin, the discoverer of nitro-glycerine, is reported to have invented a new gun which will prove out of the most formidable engines of destruction to be used in modern warfare. It is said that the gun is very light, that it can be served by four men and drawn by two horses, and may be used in the field, in fortresses, or on board ship. Four charges can be fired from it in a quarter of an hour, 25,000 projectiles being scattered over an area of 22,000 square metres, at a distance of about two miles. The gun is also stated to be capable of destroying armour-plated iron-clads or forts and fortifications of the strongest build.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### OUR OFFICIALS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, July 26.

SIR.—What is the Hongkong Association thinking about, that they do not organize their forces for the fight that will be forced on us?

We have had quite enough of the Odd Volume, Oxen-like pseudo-scientific self-seeking element, and we want something done for the real good of the community.

His Excellency the Governor, a worthy old gentleman, no doubt, has shot his bolt, and by nearly everybody reckoned a dead failure; indeed, we are almost told the admission from his own lips, and it seems quite clear that so far as he is concerned was nothing to hope for.

Then there is the Colonial Secretary, who might be a good man in the ranks of the Home Rulers but is quite thrown away here inasmuch as he knows nothing of the wants of the place, will not mix with the people and is altogether of the half-bore half-alligator type, knows better than every one else, and in fact an impossibility. We don't want him, and would rather have him than his company.

He never will command our sympathies and is not a leader of men. The White Justice, the Puisne Judge, and Mr. W. G. are all right; Mr. Goodman is past present. After them whom have got it? Well, we have Mr. Rodwell. He is, I hear, a cutter in a small way, but he is not just a hotch-potch on a leath.

Then there is Mr. Mitchell Innes. What he is in the financial world is perhaps too well known. Mr. May will, he is said, to win his spurs yet. Will in time, no doubt, develop into a safe official.

Then Mr. Wodehouse, the favourite of the Colonial Office, can be backed against time when it becomes necessary to split hairs in a legal manner: a good, worthy English gentleman with a warn dead name, and famous for the invention of the "fireman's delight"!—Mr. Thompson, a canty chief frae Aberdeen, but his don't breed duffers therabout, but his time is not yet, and he can well afford to hide a wee.

The rest might be shaken up in a bag, and not much made by taking the first and last to hand. Exchange at 2/6. India Mints closed. War between France and Siam, and a good square all-fired mess in the pots all round. Is there no leader of men to play the first fiddle? Yours faithfully,

BONES.

### SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. Bruce Shepherd, Official Receiver.)

Wednesday, July 26.

#### SHERIFF LANG.

A meeting of creditors of Robert Lang, tailor and clothier, Queen's Road Central, was held to-day in the office of the Official Receiver. There were present, besides the debtor, Messrs. V. H. Deacon, R. J. Holme, M. J. D. Stephens, A. Bain, E. Page, F. W. Watts, J. P. Cottee, F. Smyth, F. A. Rodwell, H. R. Bunting, and W. P. Maclean.

The Official Receiver intimated that a statement presented by the debtor showed the liabilities at \$35,070. There was a preferential claim of \$12,000, and a general claim of \$23,070. The debtor asked the unsecured creditors to stand by to carry on his business, and in the next three years he hoped to be able to pay a dividend of 40 per cent.

Mr. Deacon.—To what do you attribute your losses?

Mr. Lang.—In 1889 I sustained heavy loss in the rain-storm.

The Official Receiver.—Would it not be better not to ask any question till the public examination?

Mr. Deacon.—You should ask him how he proposes to secure his 40 per cent.

The Official Receiver.—He says if he is allowed to work and realize the stock in his own way, in three years' time he will be able to pay 40 per cent.

Mr. Deacon.—I want to know now, and I up to all this. Surely, there cannot be any objection to that.

Mr. Lang.—I suffered considerable loss in the rain-storm of 1889, and immediately on the top of that trade became very bad and my returns are considerably less than they were before. I could not reduce my working expenses in order to meet the falling off of business. I have lost a great deal by the fall in exchange.

Mr. Lang.—Was most of your business in Colonia, or in the coast ports?

Mr. Lang.—Mostly in the Colony. But I had to push business in the coast ports I had to keep a regular traveller.

Mr. Deacon.—Supposing your creditors have assented to a scheme of composition, have you any real grounds for believing that you could carry on any better?

Mr. Lang.—I have two stores at present, and I believe I could get one of them from my landlord, and I could carry on at a monthly expenditure of \$300, whereas, before, my monthly expenses amounted to \$900.

I would suggest to the creditors to appoint one or more of themselves to supervise.

Mr. Hunter.—If the creditors are agreeable to this proposal, we are.

The Official Receiver.—Where are you think I could get the capital for carrying on?

Mr. Lang.—I have a number of bills to collect, and I have no doubt the people in London will be quite willing to supply me with credit again. If I pay up two months' rent, Mr. Stephens I believe will give me two months to pay up the remainder.

Mr. Stephens.—I will certainly give up our store, but I am afraid in order to secure my claim I must ask you to pay me up.

Mr. Deacon.—What would be the rent of one store?

Mr. Lang.—\$80 and taxes.

Mr. Deacon.—There will be no actual capital; supposing all the creditors consented to let you run on, you would have no capital?

Mr. Lang.—I would have the accounts to collect.

Mr. Deacon.—How much do they amount to?

The Official Receiver.—\$3000.

Mr. Lang.—They are good debts. There are also some put down as bad or doubtful which might be recoverable.

Mr. Deacon.—That is a very considerable sum—\$5000 in all. You think the whole of the \$3000 could be got?

Mr. Lang.—Yes.

Mr. Deacon.—Would the creditors be willing to forgive that and allow it to be used?

Mr. Lang.—That is the only way I could carry on.

In answer to Mr. Holmes, Mr. Lang said that if the creditors wished it they could appoint someone to supervise the working of the business.

Mr. Cottan.—Would not some of the claimants be willing to accept payment of a portion of their debts, and leave a larger sum for division amongst the others. I think when people are working for the benefit of landlords, that Mr. Stephens might be willing to accept half of his claim.

Mr. Stephens.—I do not think I should be asked to give up a preferential claim, because I have given Mr. Lang considerable assistance for some time. I do not know why I should give up my rights.

Mr. Cottan.—How much rent is due?

The Official Receiver.—Six months' rent for the house at Kowloon (it was more than six months) and six months' rent for the shop.

Mr. Deacon.—I receive our rent under the restraint, at any rate for six months?

Mr. Holmes.—Yes.

Mr. Deacon.—I don't mind waiting if it is the wish of the general body of the creditors to give Mr. Lang a chance.

Mr. Rodwell.—According to my agreement I should get my passage paid home and three months' wages. I should like to know how much I can get. I can't afford to wait like the others. If I know how much will have to come off my claim of \$1412 I might take a dividend. In Hongkong at the present time there is nothing for me to do. These proceedings are keeping me here and I wish to get away.

In answer to the Official Receiver, Mr. Lang said that if he was obliged to realize his stock at the present time he would sustain heavy loss. His good debts might be recovered in a short time.

Mr. Hunter.—(To Mr. Rodwell).—What is my claim altogether?—\$112?

Mr. Rodwell.—\$1412.

Mr. Stephens.—Of that \$300 is a preferential claim. You are only entitled to that.

Mr. Rodwell.—What is in the agreement?

Mr. Stephens.—I am not prepared to argue. If you refer to Section 84 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance—

The Official Receiver said there was no necessity to go into the point.

Mr. Rodwell.—What am I to do? Could I come to any arrangement through Mr. Lang or Mr. Shepherd?

Mr. Stephens.—Through the Official Receiver, perhaps. If you have an agreement you are entitled to make him a bankrupt at once, only if you did that he would be liable to pay his debts.

Mr. Rodwell.—The \$300 preference claim is paid up.—Mr. Bohm got the whole of that—and I claim \$112 yet.

Mr. Deacon.—I would propose that this meeting should be adjourned till after the public examination of the debtor and that the Official Receiver carry on the business in the meantime, paying Mr. Lang, as manager, \$60 a month out of the estate.

Mr. Deacon.—I am quite willing to agree to that.

The Official Receiver would be responsible for the present rest.

Mr. Deacon.—I suppose the landlord will be responsible.

Mr. Stephens.—I have been lenient; but if the rent was paid ultimately he did not wish to press.

Mr. Rodwell.—In the meantime how am I going to live?

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Mr. Rodwell.—Could you allow me a few dollars per month or week?

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Mr. Deacon.—And you have been paid that.

Mr. Rodwell.—That has been paid to the hotel.

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